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1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONIES AS APPROVED BY AMBASSADOR. ALTHOUGH CEREMONY IS MONDAY WE WILL BE GIVING THESE TO HUNGARIAN FONMIN PER THEIR REQUEST AT OPENING OF BUSINESS TOMORROW (THURSDAY) SO THAT THEY CAN PREPARE REPLY FOR LOSONCZI.

2. BEGIN QUOTE:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY LETTER OF CREDENCE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO REPRESENT HIM AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. AT THE SAME TIME I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE LETTER OF RECALL WHICH MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR PUHAN, WAS UNABLE TO DELIVER PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE.

IT IS WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT I ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN YOUR COUNTRY. AMERICAN CITIZENS OF HUNGARIAN ORIGIN HAVE MADE REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH WIDELY DIVERSE FIELDS AS PHYSICS AND HIGHER MATHEMATICS, CLASSICAL MUSIC AND THE THEATRICAL

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ARTS. OUR COUNTRIES SHARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PROUD NATIONAL TRADITIONS AND OF INDEPENDENCE OF SPIRIT. CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES ARE WIDENING: OVER 60,000 AMERICANS NOW VISIT YOUR COUNTRY EVERY YEAR AND AN INCREASING NUMBER OF HUNGARIANS ARE VISITING THE UNITED STATES. OUR ECONOMIC TIES, THOUGH NOT LARGE, ARE SOUND. THEY ARE RIPE FOR FURTHER EXPANSION. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HUNGARY-

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THANKS TO EFFORTS BY BOTH OF US--ARE UNDERGOING A MARKED IMPROVEMENT.

I COME WITH A MISSION FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO PRESERVE "AND ENHANCE" THAT INCREASING UNDERSTANDING.

LAST YEAR WE SIGNED BOTH AN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND A NEW CONSULAR CONVENTION. THE VISIT BY THEN SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS--IN WHICH I WAS PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN A PARTICIPANT--MARKED THE FIRST TIME AN AMERICAN CABINET OFFICIAL HAD EVER VISITED HUNGARY. IT IS THE START, I TRUST, OF MORE SUCH CONTACTS.

SUCH SIGNIFICANT STEPS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THIS YEAR IN THE CLAIMS AGREEMENT, SIGNED ON YOUR BEHALF BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VALYI IN MARCH, AND IN THE INCREASE IN TRADE WHICH IS APPARENT IN THE STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

ALL OF THESE STEPS ATTEST TO A GROWING RELATIONSHIP. WE TRUST THAT MORE SUCH ADVANCES WILL BE MADE IN THE FUTURE.

SUCH COOPERATION, IN TURN, SHOULD BE LINKED TO THE LARGER, COMPELLING GOAL WHICH MUST UNITE ALL MANKIND--THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A WORLD AT PEACE.

THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT OUR NATIONAL PURPOSE TO BUILD A GLOBAL STRUCTURE OF PEACE--A COMPREHANSIVE STRUCTURE OF PEACE DRAWING ON THE EFFORTS OF MANY COUNTRIES; A DURABLE STRUCTURE OF PEACE WHICH ALL COUNTRIES WOULD HELP TO MAINTAIN. DIFFERENCES IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS, SUCH AS THEY ARE, WILL NOT BAR OUR COOPERATION WITH ANY COUNTRY THAT SEEKS IT.

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WE HAVE MADE, WE BELIEVE, FUNDAMENTAL STEPS TOWARD SUCH A PEACE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. WE ARE CONTINUING IN THAT EFFORT, AND I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF TOWARD ITS REALIZATION DURING MY SERVICES HERE. THE PROGRESS THAT IS NOW POSSIBLE IN LOWERING THE BARRIERS TO EUROPE'S SENSE OF UNITY, IN BRINGING ABOUT WIDER AND MORE OPEN RELATIONS AMONG PEOPLES,

AND IN STRENGTHENING RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF
ALL STATES WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THIS GOAL.

IN CLOSING, MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO PAY TRIBUTE TO
THE PATRIOTIC SPIRIT OF THOSE HUNGARIAN HISTORICAL PERSONAGES
BEST KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES, THE SPIRIT OF KOSSUTH LAJOS
AND PETOFI SANDOR, A SPIRIT WHOSE INFLUENCE UPON HUNGARY'S
CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD HAS BEEN PROFOUND. IT IS A SPIRIT
WHICH MAKES HUNGARY'S VOICE IN THE WORLD AN IMPORTANT ONE.

IN SEEKING TO CREATE A PEACEFUL INTERNATIONAL ORDER
AND TO LAY ASIDE OLD DIFFERENCES AMONG NATIONS, PRESIDENT
NIXON HAS MADE IT A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF OUR POLICY
TO DEAL WITH ALL NATIONS INDIVIDUALLY, ON A BASIS OF
SOVERIGN EQUALITY, AND ON THE BASIS OF NON-INTERFERENCE,
THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH PEACE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED. IT
IS TO SERVE SUCH PRINCIPLES THAT I HAVE COME. I WISH TO
ASSURE, PRESIDENT LOSONCZI, THAT I COME PREPARED TO
WORK WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO FURTHER IMPROVE OUR ASSOCIA-
TION, AND THAT I WILL SEEK TO CONDUCT ALL OUR RELATIONS
ON A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BASIS--CONFIDENT THAT FURTHER
IMPROVEMENTS WILL HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON WORLD PEACE
AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.
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